

Minutes

SPECIAL BAR HARBOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, JANUARY 17, 2008

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 5:05 p.m. – In attendance were Councilors: Ruth Eveland, Robert Garland, Paul Paradis, Ken Smith, Julia Schloss, Greg Veilleux, Robert Jordan, Jr.; and Town Manager Dana Reed.

II. **BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

	<u>Budget Page</u>	<u>Chart</u>
A. Cooperating Agencies Cost Center		
Expenses	17	N-1

Following discussion, Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Garland, moved to tentatively accept the Co-operating agencies appropriation as presented, \$41,523. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Outside Agencies		
Island Explorer	11	O-5

Councilor Jordan inquired if he should recuse himself because he hosts the web site for the Island Explorer. Mr. Garland, with second by Mr. Paradis, moved that Councilor Jordan does not need to recuse himself based on the information provided. Motion passed 6-0-1 (Recused: Mr. Jordan).

Following discussion, Mr. Smith, with second by Mr. Paradis, moved to accept the Island Explorer appropriation amount as presented, \$33,100. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Planning Director's Cost Centers		
Revenue (review w/Code Enforcement 1/24/08)	2	R-2
Expense		
Planning Department	10	E-1
Capital Improvement Program		
Planning Department	46	X-8

Following discussion of possible review of the fee structure, Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Garland, moved to accept the Planning Department revenues as presented, \$56,280. Motion passed 7-0.

The following discussion of the Town Manager's recommendation to split several contract services over two years; Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to split the Economic Development Plan appropriation of \$50,000 over two years with \$25,000 each year. Motion passed 6-1 (Nay: Ms.

Schloss). In addition, Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to split the Land Use Ordinance Rewrite appropriation of \$80,000 over two years with \$40,000 each year. Motion passed 6-1 (Nay: Ms. Schloss). Following much discussion of funding Engineering and Design Services for Planning Board reviews, Mr. Garland, with second by Mr. Veilleux, moved to follow the Town Manager's suggestion to remove the appropriation of \$25,000 for Engineering and Design Services. Motion passed 4-3 (Nay: Ms. Schloss, Ms. Eveland, Mr. Smith).

Following discussion of reducing the Conservation Commission appropriation, Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to reduce Conservation Commission appropriation from \$2,300 to \$500. Motion failed 2-5 (Nay: Mr. Jordan, Mr. Veilleux, Ms. Schloss, Ms. Eveland, Mr. Garland. Discussion continued, and Mr. Veilleux, with second by Ms. Schloss, moved to reduce appropriation by \$1,050 to \$1,250 and leave the disbursement to the discretion of the Conservation Commission. Motion passed 6-1 (Nay: Mr. Smith).

In addition, Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to accept the Town Manager's revised recommended estimates by reducing Planning Department Other: Advertising, account #5800, by \$709 and Postage & Shipping, account #5836, by \$1,059. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to accept the Planning Department expenses as amended, reduced from \$406,355 to \$313,537. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Town Clerk's Cost Centers

Revenue	2	R-1
Expense		
Town Clerk's Department	6	Q-1
Elections	7	Q-4
Town Offices	9	Y-1
General Assistance	16	--
Capital Improvement Program		
Town Clerk	45	X-5

Mr. Smith, with second by Mr. Paradis, moved to accept the Town Clerk Department revenues as presented, \$24,377. Motion passed 7-0.

As a part of the Town Manager's recommendations of adjustments to meet the Council's targeted tax rate increase, he suggested reducing Town Office Copier & Computer Supplies by \$595, and Other Office Supplies by \$988. Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to accept the Town Office expenses as amended, reduced from \$39,103 to \$37,520. Motion passed 7-0.

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E. Town Manager's Cost Centers		
Revenue		
Intergovernmental Revenues	5	R-13
Expense		
Town Council	6	Z-1
Town Manager	6	M-1
Legal Counsel	7	L-1
Miscellaneous	11	O-4
Debt Service	20	J-1
Capital Improvement Program		
Town Debt Service	48	X-15

Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to increase Town Council Memberships and Dues by \$345, for an amended total of \$8,608. Motion passed 7-0.

Following discussion of reducing the number of town attorney's for the Appeals and Planning Board, Mr. Smith, with second by Ms. Schloss, moved to reduce legal services per Town Manager's memo of January 14, 2008; and if there was no statute prohibiting one attorney for both boards, reducing Legal Services – Planning by \$6,946. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Smith, with second by Mr. Jordan, moved to reduce Settlement Expenses of \$4,167 to zero. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Smith, with second by Ms. Schloss, moved to reduce Miscellaneous account #5824 by \$4,675 following recent receipt of our Property & Casualty Insurance premium statement. Motion passed 7-0.

F. Finance Director's Cost Centers

Revenue		
Finance Department	2	R-1
Municipal Building	2	R-1
Unclassified Revenue	4	R-8
Taxes	4	R-10
Expense		
Finance Department	7	T-1
Technology Division	8	T-2
Municipal Building	8	B-1
Employee Benefits	9	I-1
Assessing Division	10	T-6
Capital Improvement Program		
Finance Department	45	X-5
Assessing Division	45	X-5

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Technology Division	45	X-6
Municipal Building	45	X-7

Following new information regarding interest rate chargeable in FY09 for delinquent taxes, Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to reduce revenues collected on delinquent taxes by \$375, an amended total of \$37,182. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Schloss moved to recommend reducing the YMCA funding by \$55,000 and transfer the appropriation to fund a Human Resources Officer. Motion failed for lack of second. Following discussion, Ms. Schloss, with second by Ms. Eveland, moved to add a Human Resource position and find money wherever possible. Motion failed 3-4 (Nay: Mr. Garland, Mr. Paradis, Mr. Smith, Mr. Veilleux).

Mr. Jordan, with second by Mr. Smith, moved to add an expenditure line entitled "Renewable Energy" at zero funding. Motion passed 6-1 (Nay: Mr. Paradis).

- V. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Smith, with second by Mr. Paradis, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Paradis, Secretary